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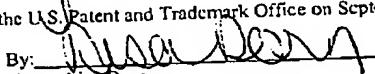
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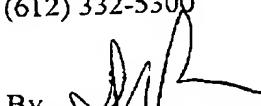


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In response to the restriction requirement dated September 1, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, product claims 1-9, for initial examination. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement to the extent of requesting reinstatement of process claims that track allowable product claims. An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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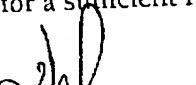
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